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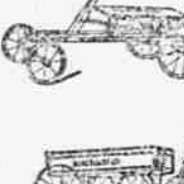






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## THE CHEERFUL WAX CANDLE.

By ALICE LE BARON.  
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ONCE upon a time two little candles lay side by side in a big box. Both were pure white. Said one: "I wonder what will become of us. Do you think we could be meant for a Christmas tree?" For you must know that to be put on a Christmas tree is the best possible thing that can happen to a candle.

"Of course not," said the other, who was cross. "If we are meant for a Christmas tree it will be for some shabby little children—see if it isn't."

"If we are," said the first, "I'll shine my very brightest, for the eyes of even poor children with only few pleasures in prospect are enough to rival little candles on Christmas eve."

"If we are," grumbled the second, "I am not sure that I will allow myself to be lighted at all."

Christmas eve drew nearer and nearer. Sure enough, the two little candles, with many others of blue and pink and yellow and red, were brought for a Christmas tree.

On the day before Christmas, while it still was daylight, some young girls came to arrange the presents and make the tree ready for the evening.

"Oh, what a lot of pretty little candles!" said one of them. "They are such lovely colors—all except those two white ones. We will put those out of sight, because the red and pink ones are prettier."

"Didn't I tell you what would happen?" said the cross little candle in a whisper.

"Yes, but wait," replied the other. "Just shine your brightest all the time."

"I won't," snapped the cross one. When evening came, ranged all round the tree were happy boys and



"PUT IT ON THE VERY TIPTOP."

girls. Soon every bough on the great tree blossomed with little lights. Some of the flames were faint, but many were bright. When the little white candles were lighted the cross one just sputtered a minute and then went out. The other shone so brightly that a gentleman standing near said:

"Oh, what a brilliant candle! But it is almost out of sight among the green branches. We ought to put it where it can be seen better."

"Put it on the very tiptop," said a little lady.

And that is where they did put it—on the very tiptop of the tree, where it nodded and gleamed in answer to the smiling faces around it.

### The Barber's Joke.

Christmas morning and the barber very busy.

"I'd rather shave ten Germans than one American."

The rubicund brewer in the chair smiled broadly through the lather.

"Goot," he chuckled. "Dot vos right! But vy?"

The barber took a firmer hold upon his victim's nose as he replied:

"Ten Germans pay me a dollar and a half—one American only 15 cents."

And you could have heard the thermometer drop.

### Popcorn!

"If Santa Claus has corns the same as grandpa," said a wee girl the other day. "I think he'd be 'fraid to come down the chimney over a hot fire for fear his corns would pop."

### Santa Claus' Revenge.

Belated comes advice tonight.

"That, 'without proper cause,'" said two foolish boys went on a strike against old Santa Claus.

They sent him written word that he must take two trips a year.

The first an early one to see what children wanted here.

They said his work of late was bad. They criticized his taste.

They said it made them very sad—those presents gone to waste!

They asked him why he thought a boy would want a Teddy bear.

They said it seemed he could employ much better judgment there.

They wrote him frankly what they thought.

A protest in each line. They told him that they thought he ought to sell out and resign.

They covered reams of paper then to tell him what to do—

The how, the which, the what, the when. They carefully went through—

And then they told him what to bring for each boy in their town.

And for themselves—"Oh, everything!" Was just what they put down.

They thought the saint was far too old to understand their scheme.

And each one bought a bag, to hold their presents, it would seem.

But when they woke on Xmas morn with "What did Santa bring?"

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